

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

ROKOSCH

GRANDSTAFF

THOMPSON

CHILCOTT

DRISCOLL

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....November 30, 2007

Members Present..... Commissioner Jim Rokosch,
Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff, Commissioner Alan Thompson, and Commissioner
Kathleen Driscoll

Minutes: Beth Perkins

Commissioner Chilcott attended the MACo JPA Trustee Retreat in Red Lodge.

The Board met with Civil Counsel Alex Beal for an update on the Montana Statutes in
regard to the requirements for the Victor Park District Membership and park existence.

Alex gave a brief overview of history to date for the Victor Park District. He stated due to
the recent three resignations, it has left the District without a quorum. Since they only
have two members left they cannot conduct business. Some will argue the two members
can continue to conduct business, but Alex stated he is uncomfortable with that.

Park District Member Jim Webb explained what had occurred during the last Victor Park
District meeting. He stated he came into this without any emotional ties and discussed
other concerns he has as a member.

Alex stated he will speak to Dave Marquette who is the attorney for the Victor Park
District. Currently the Commissioners have the option to elect three people to serve or to
appoint one person creating a quorum. They could then wait until the May election when
the balance of the membership (two) could be voted in by the voters. Commissioner
Driscoll stated there is an issue here that needs to be addressed. The Commissioners
could put three on the Park District but it does not solve the issue with Victor Youth
Athletics. Board discussion followed. Alex stated another option is to dissolve the
Victor Park District. If that option is selected, the monies would go to the Ravalli County
Park Board.

Commissioner Rokosch stated he is not comfortable considering dissolution until it is discussed with Ravalli County Park Board.

Commissioner Driscoll asked about the existing contract between Victor Park District and Victor Youth Athletics that expires in December. Alex replied the original contract was for ten years with the County Park Board and Victor Youth Athletics. The contract expired and Victor Park District was then in effect. He suggested the Victor Park District take over the contract. They did not know they were responsible for the park until then.

Commissioner Grandstaff stated if they dissolved the district it would give the Victor residents a chance to figure out what they want. Board discussion followed regarding the options.

Commissioner Rokosch requested clarification of residency requirements. Alex replied he will look into the requirements.

Darlene Webb stated there is a park that needs to be maintained. And Victor Youth Athletics is just one entity, not the entire community. She stated if she trips over a wire, it is county responsibility. Alex replied it is Victor Park District responsibility but they can't make that decision without a quorum. Commissioner Rokosch stated if Victor Park District was dissolved, it would become a Ravalli County Park Board responsibility. Commissioner Thompson stated when the highway comes in, if Victor Park District is dissolved, it will be the community of Victor's responsibility to keep the roadway looking nice. The ball field is also the community's responsibility. In other words, there is more than the ball field to contend with.

Jim stated the Victor Park District has two CDs, one is for \$13,000 and the other is for \$12,000. Those monies have been earmarked for the highway project. He stated if they spend the entire money on the ball field how will they ultimately maintain the walkways along the highway?

Commissioner Thompson stated there is an agreement with the County and MDOT for the maintenance of the walkways and the county was given \$28,000 for the maintenance.

Glenda stated the 'differences' between the Victor Park Board and the Victor Athletic Association have been occurring for quite some time and the 'differences' have become difficult to deal with. She stated since there is no quorum left on the Victor Park District, the Commissioners should step in like a parent and place three strong people from the County Park Board into these positions. Then they can work out an agreement with the Victor Athletic Association. If not, the differences are going to continue.

Gene stated this is not just a ballpark issue. When the highway project was created, MDOT told them there would be nothing but asphalt and concrete going through Victor. At that point they created the Victor focus group. They worked on making the highway more attractive to the eye. It was then the Victor Park District was created. He stated the

Victor Youth Athletics Association is going to be very hard to work with when the highway comes in.

Commissioner Rokosch stated the Commissioners can do something in the short term until the election in May. Then it can be put on the ballot and if the people don't want the district they can dissolve it.

Gene stated when it comes to voting people in; he has a problem of electing people from the Victor Youth Athletics because they have a focused interest on the ball park and not the whole picture. He believes it is a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Grandstaff stated they could list the total responsibilities of the positions in the public notice and see who comes forth to serve on the district.

Commissioner Rokosch stated a conflict of interest is deriving a direct benefit for personal gain and not feeling strongly about one issue or component.

Alex discussed the final option of having one of the resigned Board Members nullifying their resignation, and then by having a quorum they can appoint a person and the person who originally wanted to resign can do so leaving a quorum.

Gene stated there was a meeting with Anita and Ann (Board Members) and Bill Clark stood in between and yelled and pounded his fists on the table. He stated Bill intimidated these women and he meant to do it.

Commissioner Rokosch recommended the Victor Park District contact Anita to see if she will stay on board long enough to appoint new members for a quorum.

The meeting was adjourned.